

CATNEY NEWS 2021 OCTOBER



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NEWS FROM YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Pedestrian safety

Many of you might recall that SMBC announced, earlier in the year, that funds had been allocated for the installation of a pedestrian crossing. We have been made aware that this is likely to be situated towards the Boat car park entrance end of the Village Hall frontage. Solihull MBC will be **undertaking a speeding traffic survey to establish the speed of the traffic in the area of the future** crossing and the results will dictate whether a zebra or a puffin crossing is constructed. The work is likely to be undertaken in the next month or so.

Village Hall

During the construction of the off-loading area in the village hall it was necessary to take out a number of trees including a large laurel and a holly tree. With these trees removed the Trustees discovered that a number of trees behind the outbuilding were in various stages of decay. A survey was undertaken which has confirmed the trees were in a dangerous state and needed to be removed. This work was undertaken during the end of September and the Trustees take this opportunity to apologise to the local residents for the noise created during the chipping operation.

Planning

Solihull Local Plan – Examination

Two inspectors have been appointed to examine the Plan at the enquiry which starts on the 27th September at 9.30am. The timetable for the various sessions will be available on our website shortly. I'm afraid at the time of going to press we are not in receipt of instructions as to how to watch virtually but when these are available details will be put on the website. There are 2 sessions likely to be of local interest and they are Wednesday morning 10th November when Housing site allocations in Hampton in Arden are being discussed and Thursday morning 11th November when Solihull housing sites (including SO1 – for the 700 +homes on Lugtrout Lane/Damson Parkway) -both commence at 9.30am.

Motorway Service Area at Catherine de Barnes

This enquiry starts 12th October and is likely to last 16 days. The Association has registered to take part and have the opportunity of asking questions

[Appeal Ref: AP/2021/00013/REF](#)

Site: Proposed Motorway Service Area Solihull Road, Hampton In Arden Solihull.(New junction 5A)Original Planning Ref: PL/2015/51409/PPOL Description: Outline planning application for development of a motorway service area, associated infrastructure and landscaping, with defined means of access for consideration including building and engineering operations and associated works to facilitate access to and egress from the motorway service area to the M42 (north and southbound) and an underpass beneath Solihull Road. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, details concerning how interested parties can view proceedings are not yet available but as soon as they are they will be mailed to members. See www.solihull.gov.uk/msa for details of the latest documents submitted by interested parties .

General Planning Application Information

Details of other planning applications can be seen on local notice boards and on the Hampton in Arden Parish Council website- www.hamptoninarden.org.uk. - Planning section

Airport News

As members will no doubt have 'heard 'activity at the airport improving, but the Airport company is lobbying for a change to the traffic light/isolation regulations in order for them to see significant improvement in activity. A review was due to be undertaken on the 1st October but the Government has seen fit to review the Covid /isolation travel procedures during the latter part of September, which should result in a substantial increase in air traffic over the coming weeks. .

Hampton-in-Arden Probus Club

The Hampton-in-Arden Probus Club is actively seeking new members, now that it has resumed its activities following an extended period of lockdown. The Club meets in the Fentham Hall on the third Monday of the month, and in addition, organises social walks, trips, boules, darts, skittles matches and restaurant evenings. It has resumed its programme of Speakers.

Membership of Probus is open to retired professional and businessmen, who either live in the Civil Parish or have an association with it, which means it includes the whole of Catherine de Barnes. They have around 40 current members and would be delighted to enrol some new ones. If you want more details, or an application form, please contact the secretary, Peter Green, at peter.j.green@live.co.uk, or on 07415 180231.

Dates for your diary

The RA Committee meets:-

4th October (virtually)

1st November (virtually)

should members have any issues they would like to raise at the meeting please, send details through to the secretary@catney.co.uk. as soon as you can.

If you wish to speak at the meeting this can also be arranged, again by contacting the Secretary at the email address above

Parish Council Meeting

10th November (likely to be virtually)

.-Where meetings are being held online please contact the Clerk at clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk or phone 01675 442017 for details of how to participate

Enquiry into the Motorway Service Area at Catherine de Barnes opens

12th October (Virtually) see website WWW.solihull.gov.uk/msa for details

MEN'S BREAKFAST IN HAMPTON CHURCH HALL

All men from Hampton and Catney welcome.

4 Fs Club (Men's Breakfast Club)

The Return to the Hall Breakfast will be:

Saturday 9th October 2021

Church Hall Hampton in Arden at 9am

Full Fried Breakfast.

This is a good opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours as well,
(male!)

Please RSVP if you can as it helps knowing numbers, but as usual it is not a prerequisite.

There is a voluntary donation which will go to the Church Funds.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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Ladies..... Your breakfast is at 9am on the 16th October in the Church Hall, Hampton, not fried though! Just turn up!



Catney Christmas Craft Fair



Saturday 27th November 2021

Currently the plans are to have a craft fair in the village hall as we have done in previous years. 2020 had to be cancelled as the pandemic rules did not allow gatherings in enclosed spaces. We don't know what the situation will be this winter, but by then we will have a fully vaccinated population and a clearer idea of the importance of all the emerging variants. There will be a background circulation of this virus and we may have to have regular winter vaccinations against the latest strains, a bit like we have with influenza each autumn.



A view of the craft club table from 2019

Most of our regular exhibitors have expressed an interest in joining us and have put the date in their diaries. The Catney Craft Club will be doing their bit and making our usual range of handmade goodies and homemade jams.

I will keep you all up to date with the situation through the Catney News. In the meantime, if there are any new residents with craft skills looking for an opportunity to display and sell their wares contact me on liz@boxall.info.

We hope you will all come along on the day and support and enjoy our major village social event.

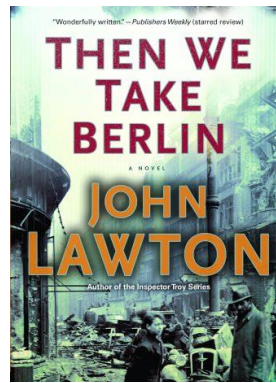
There is a **Harvest Fayre** on 2nd October at Hampton Church Hall from 10 – 2 pm. Followed by a **Pop Up Shop** with stalls at the Scout Hut at the Sports Ground, Hampton from 3 – 5 pm. Everyone welcome at both of these events

Harvest Festival at Hampton Church will be at 11 am on the 3rd October - we ask for donations of non perishable goods to give to the Food Bank the church supports. Thank you

BOOK REVIEW

THEN WE TAKE BERLIN

A spy thriller by John Lawton



A book review by John Alderson

As with most spy stories, this is a tale of trust and betrayal, but with not a little humour thrown in.

Set principally in Berlin in 1963, there are substantial flashbacks to 1941 when John Holderness, usually known as Wilderness moves in with his Grandfather following the death of his mother. Grandfather is cat burglar of some experience and Wilderness joins him becoming a real east End cockney wide boy.

Wilderness now has to do National Service, not his cup of tea at all, being opposed to any sort of discipline and ends up in a military prison, from which he is 'rescued' by his earlier CO, Colonel Burne-Jones. Burne-Jones, now in MI6 has him posted to Berlin where he meets up with Frank Spoleto and two helpers, one being Yuri an NKVD major, who are running a substantial black market scam and where he also meets Nell a native Berliner, with an interesting past.

In 1963, now down and out he meets up again with Frank who persuades him to return to Berlin and join him and the old team now smuggling people over the border. There is a lot of historical research woven into this story, which moves at quite a pace, with a number of twists and turns and if this is your kind of genre, you will enjoy.

I found it quite a good read.

HISTORY SNIPPETS. " Cat in a Barn"

The name Catherine de Barnes is a bit of a mystery. It probably comes from the Ketelburn family who were tenants of the land in the 12th Century.

However, Pete Peters tells the story in his book 'Catherine de Barnes, Past and Present' of it being called 'Cat in a Barn' and he reminded me of it the other day.

When a Canal Surveyor came out to map the line of the Grand Union Canal through this area in 1793, he would have asked locals the name of the hamlet. This was recorded, as he had heard it, as 'Cat in a Barn'! The name continued to be used by some of the old boatmen until the 1940's.

CATNEY VILLAGE ARCHIVE.

Since the appeal last month we have had offers of help but someone is still needed to take the lead. There needs to be a better record of what there is in the upstairs room at the Village Hall, and you could be the expert!

*Do you have any experience with libraries, filing or record keeping?

*Or do you get satisfaction from 'sorting things out'?

*Can you use a computer? This would be useful

Work could be done from home on individual files, with the support of other volunteers and the task should not take too long.

If you can help or would like to know more please get in touch with

Dave Cuthbert. dave.cuthbert@hamptoninarden.org.uk

Heather Bird hmbird300@gmail.com

Frances Cook. cookmum@aol.com

Thank you.

CONCERTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Hampton Singers Concert - GLORIOUS!

Hampton Church on Saturday 16th October, 7.00 pm

Vivaldi's Gloria and Haydn's Little Organ Mass

Featuring Hampton Singers and guests, conducted by Ben Hamilton.

Tickets £7.50 available at the door only

After many months of silence, Hampton Singers are delighted to return to Hampton Church with a programme of gloriously joyful music. We look forward to seeing our audience friends again.

To help keep us all safe, there will only be a short interval and no refreshments at this event.

For further information:

Call Sue Kiely 01675 443989 or visit our website www.hamptonsingers.org

Christmas is just around the corner, so here are some Christmas concerts to book in your diary

Save the date! Ex Urbe Chamber Choir will present their Christmas & Advent concert at Hampton Church on Saturday 4th December, after a break from performing which has felt far too long. We hope you will join us for a selection of Christmas music - both old and new.

Tickets will be £10, and on sale at the start of November. For further information:

Call Sue Kiely 01675 443989 or visit our website www.exurbe.org

Hampton Singers are looking forward to singing traditional Christmas music at Temple Balsall Church on Saturday 11th December.

And finally.....

Lord and Lady Guernsey are hosting a charity Christmas concert on Thursday 16th December, 7pm, at the beautiful St James' Church on the Packington Estate, with music from Ex Urbe Chamber Choir, and the promise of mulled wine and mince pies round a fire pit. Watch out for further information and ticket sales by late October.

DO YOU REMEMBER? Childhood Sweets

Flying saucers
Pontefract cakes
Fried eggs
Aniseed balls
Pineapple and custard
Liquorice root
Gob stoppers

What are your memories of the sweets you had as a child? Our older readers may recall sweets being on ration in the late 1940s and early 1950s. What sweets did you buy when rationing was over?

Send your memories to Chris Cluley or me for the November issue.

Pete Peters.

INGREDIENTS

CARROT, SWEET POTATOES AND FETA FITTERS

- 800g carrots
- 2 large potatoes
- 1 large onion
- 600g sweet potatoes
- 5 medium free-range eggs
- 200g feta, crumbled
- 6 tbsp wholemeal flour
- 25g fresh coriander, chopped
- 2 tbsp cumin seeds
- 300ml vegetable oil
- Green salad, lime wedges
- Yogurt to serve

METHOD

- Peel and grate the carrots, potatoes, onion and sweet potatoes. Put in a colander over the sink with a big pinch of salt to drain for 30 minutes.
- In a large bowl, combine the eggs, feta, flour, coriander and cumin seeds, then beat with a fork until mixed.
- Squeeze as much liquid from the veg as you can, pressing down hard into the colander for 1-2 minutes, then add to the egg mixture. Stir to combine and season well. Heat the oven to 150°C/fan130°C/gas 2. Heat the oil in a wok or saucepan to 180°C or until a cube of bread sizzles. Put a small handful of the mix in a slotted spoon and lower into the oil. Cook 2-3 at a time: fry for 1-2 minutes, then turn and repeat until golden. Put on a plate and keep warm in a low oven.

